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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO CONTROL THE OPERATING  
SPEED OF A MANUFACTURING FACILITY

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.